

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION
FINANCE - TECHNOLOGY- PLANNING COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 15, 2001

EOB 12TH CONFERENCE ROOM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Fernando Bren, Chair
Commissioner Len Marco
Commissioner Robert Freeman
President Ken Fisher, GWGVFD

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Kurtz, GWGVFD
Gordon Aoyagi, MCFRC
Neil Shorb, MCFRS
Beth Feldman, MCFRS
Connie Robinson, MCFRS

1- **CALL TO ORDER**
(Committee Chair Bren)

The meeting of the Finance, Technology and Planning Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Bren at 7:40 a.m. in the EOB 12th floor conference room at 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, Maryland.

2- **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 18, 2001 MEETING MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Freeman to approve the minutes of October 18, 2001 meeting of the Finance, Technology and Planning Committee. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Marco and PASSED unanimously.

3- **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Technology Subcommittee**

There was no report as Asst. Chief Love was absent from the meeting.
There were no further comments.

- **Planning Subcommittee**

Commissioner Freeman reported the following:

- Although the new fire stations are not slated for construction until the outyear of the CIP, planning continues through various County organizations.
- Land purchases are proceeding, working with the Advance Land Acquisition Reimbursement Fund (ALARF).
- Efforts continue to accelerate the construction of new stations in the CIP.

- Commissioner Freeman expressed concern about the potential for committee reassignments. Chair Bren advised that new/pending projects should proceed until further advised. Fire Administrator Aoyagi stated the Commission would discuss the reorganization of the committees and develop a proposal in the near future.

Fire Administrator Aoyagi provided an update regarding the Emergency Preparedness Initiative (EPI). The County Executive proposed a \$6M EPI, funded over a six-year period and divided between operating and capital funds. Capital funds will be used to consolidate the Transportation Management Center (TMC) with the new 911 communications center at 1300 Quince Orchard. The collocation of the TMC with the new ECC and the Emergency Operation Center will greatly enhance the ability of the County to manage emergency incidents more effectively and efficiently.

On the operating side of the EPI package, Fire Administrator Aoyagi summarized the proposals for the MCFRS and other public safety agencies. Items for the MCFRS include:

- A satellite HAZMAT Unit at Station 28.
- Additional bio-chemical training for MCFRS (\$100,000)
- The Bomb Squad will increase its staff by from 10 to 11 to provide additional shift coverage.
- USAR capabilities: The report stating that MCFRS will create a second USAR team is erroneous. The discussion with Council was that, based on the recent events, the next possible attack might involve explosive/building collapse. Therefore, the proposal is to centralized USAR resources at Stations 29 and 31. The goal is to have an assessment/reconnaissance team in place at the scene within half an hour of a building collapse, and to provide Incident Command with technical advice regarding deployment of resources.

Fire Administrator Aoyagi indicated the half-day Strategic Planning Conference which was cancelled in the fall will be rescheduled sometime after the first of the year. Both career and volunteer representatives will review and evaluate current goals and begin to identify objectives that will provide guidance regarding the operating budget.

Apparatus/Facilities Subcommittee

President Fisher reported the following:

- EMS Unit Replacement report was received and adopted by the Commission.
- The draft of the LFRD Support Vehicles policy is being revised and the ASC will try to meet before the December 20th FTP meeting.
- Leasing five ambulances will enable data to be collected annually regarding usage, repair, engine hours, and warranty repairs. This would begin in January.
- Staff will distribute the EMS Vehicle Replacement Plan with the amendments approved by the FRC.

Finance Subcommittee

Commissioner Marco reported on the following:

- Apparatus Acquisition policy is out for 45-day comment (due back December 7)
- LFRD Audits are now in progress.

4- LIST OF CONSULTANTS' CONTRACTS (Attachment #2)

The committee was provided a list of consultant contracts with the MCFRS for the current and prior fiscal years.

Other Business

Commissioner Bren welcome Connie Robinson to the meeting; remind all members to sign attendance roster, and the date of the next FTP meeting will be December, 20, 2001.

A MOTION was made by Chairman Marco to adjourn the meeting. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Freeman and PASSED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

